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Statewide Overview

Please see page 3 for additional information reflecting the effects of both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the business and household surveys in Louisiana.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment for Louisiana was estimated to be 1,769,100 for May 2006. This figure represented an increase over the month of 8,100 jobs and a decrease over the year of 172,800 employees. The largest net increase over the month was in Professional and Business Services with an increase of 3,300 jobs. Statewide employment figures for seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment can be found on page 2.

Changes from April to May revealed growth in seven industry sectors, reductions in three industry sectors, and no change in Manufacturing. Natural Resources and Mining increased 100; Construction increased 600; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities increased 2,400; Financial Activities increased 600; Professional and Business Services increased 3,300; Educational and Health Services increased 2,100; and Leisure and Hospitality increased 1,100. Those industry sectors reporting declines in employment were Information, 700; Other Services, 100; and Government, 1,300.

Over the year, seasonally adjusted figures indicated an increase in only one industry sector, Natural Resources and Mining with 1,900 positions. Reductions were found in all the other industry sectors. Employment declined in Construction, 11,900 jobs; Manufacturing, 10,600 jobs; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, 18,400 jobs; Information, 2,000 jobs; Financial Activities, 4,300 jobs; Professional and Business Services, 18,600 jobs; Educational and Health Services, 45,100 jobs; Leisure and Hospitality, 39,500 jobs; Other Services, 13,200 jobs; and Government, 11,100 jobs.

The May preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Louisiana was 5.2 percent, an increase from the April rate of 4.8 percent. The national unemployment rate for May was 4.6 percent, a decrease from the April rate of 4.7 percent. Total unemployment in the state for May was 98,475. The state civilian labor force increased to 1,876,778, with a decrease in total employment to 1,778,303.

Economic Indicators

Seasonally Adjusted

Civilian Labor Force

	United States	Louisiana
Labor Force	150,991,000	1,876,778
Employed	143,976,000	1,778,303
Unemployed	7,015,000	98,475
Unemployment Rate	4.6	5.2

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment

	MAY 2006 United States	MAY 2006 Louisiana
Total Nonfarm	135,106,000	1,769,100
Nat. Resources and Mining	674,000	47,700
Construction	7,512,000	107,600
Manufacturing	14,230,000	143,800
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26,047,000	364,000
Information	3,055,000	27,400
Financial Activities	8,322,000	94,900
Professional and Business Services	17,243,000	172,200
Educational and Health Services	17,699,000	212,000
Leisure and Hospitality	12,995,000	172,500
Other Services	5,413,000	58,200
Government	21,916,000	368,800

Average Hours & Earnings

	(Not Seasonally Adjusted)	
	MAY 2006 United States	MAY 2006 Louisiana
Natural Resources & Mining		
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 895.13	\$ 999.97
Average Weekly Hours	45.3	42.3
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 19.76	\$ 23.64
Manufacturing		
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 690.51	\$ 795.93
Average Weekly Hours	41.2	42.7
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 16.76	\$ 18.64

Louisiana Unemployment Insurance Activities

Claims	MAY 2006
Initial New & Renewals	11,549
Continued Weekly Intrastate Only	89,242
Insured Unemployment Rate	1.5
Benefits	
Number of First Payment	4,821
Benefits Paid (000's)	\$ 18,284
Weeks Compensated	98,306
Average Wkly. Benefit Amount	\$ 187.61
Average Duration of Claim (Weeks)	20.4
Exhaustions	4,033

United States Consumer Price Index

	MAY 2006
All Urban Consumers	202.5

The civilian labor force and nonfarm **estimates** are prepared according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) methodology and are comparable with the U.S. and other states' data. For more information, go to page 14.

Economic Comparison

Seasonally Adjusted	Preliminary MAY 2006		Revised Preliminary APRIL 2006		Revised MAY 2005	
Civilian Labor Force	United States	Louisiana	United States	Louisiana	United States	Louisiana
Labor Force	150,991,000	1,876,778	150,811,000	1,872,671	149,201,000	2,112,393
Employed	143,976,000	1,778,303	143,688,000	1,782,608	141,571,000	1,998,928
Unemployed	7,015,000	98,475	7,123,000	90,063	7,629,000	113,465
Unemployment Rate	4.6	5.2	4.7	4.8	5.1	5.4

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	MAY 2006 United States	MAY 2006 Louisiana	APR 2006 United States	APR 2006 Revised Louisiana	MAY 2005 United States	MAY 2005 Louisiana
Total Nonfarm	135,106,000	1,769,100	135,031,000	1,761,000	133,210,000	1,941,900
Nat. Resources and Mining	674,000	47,700	671,000	47,600	620,000	45,800
Construction	7,512,000	107,600	7,511,000	107,000	7,255,000	119,500
Manufacturing	14,230,000	143,800	14,244,000	143,800	14,251,000	154,400
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26,047,000	364,000	26,053,000	361,600	25,897,000	382,400
Information	3,055,000	27,400	3,068,000	28,100	3,065,000	29,400
Financial Activities	8,322,000	94,900	8,310,000	94,300	8,101,000	99,200
Professional and Business Services	17,243,000	172,200	17,216,000	168,900	16,794,000	190,800
Educational and Health Services	17,699,000	212,000	17,658,000	209,900	17,291,000	257,100
Leisure and Hospitality	12,995,000	172,500	12,991,000	171,400	12,778,000	212,000
Other Services	5,413,000	58,200	5,401,000	58,300	5,385,000	71,400
Government	21,916,000	368,800	21,908,000	370,100	21,773,000	379,900

Average Hours & Earnings

Natural Resources & Mining	United States (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Louisiana (Not Seasonally Adjusted)		
	May 2006	Apr 2006	May 2005	MAY 2006	APR 2006	MAY 2005
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 895.13	\$ 901.36	\$ 851.90	\$999.97	\$976.74	\$975.60
Average Weekly Hours	45.3	45.5	45.9	42.3	44.6	47.8
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 19.76	\$ 19.81	\$ 18.56	\$23.64	\$21.90	\$20.41
Manufacturing						
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 690.51	\$ 677.91	\$ 667.00	\$795.93	\$795.56	\$743.99
Average Weekly Hours	41.2	40.4	40.4	42.7	41.5	42.2
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 16.76	\$ 16.78	\$ 16.51	\$18.64	\$19.17	\$17.63

Louisiana Unemployment Insurance Activities

Claims	MAY 2006	APR 2006	MAY 2005	% Change From	
				APR 2006	MAY 2005
Initial New & Renewals	11,549	8,642	13,407	33.6	-13.9
Continued Weekly Intrastate Only	89,242	77,452	118,653	15.2	-24.8
Insured Unemployment Rate*	1.5	2.1	1.5	-30.0	-4.0
Benefits					
Number of First Payment	4,821	3,631	6,043	32.8	-20.2
Benefits Paid (000's)	\$ 18,284	\$ 16,577	\$ 19,257	10.3	-5.1
Weeks Compensated	98,306	90,158	101,632	9.0	-3.3
Average Wkly. Benefit Amount	\$ 187.61	\$ 185.58	\$ 192.29	1.1	-2.4
Average Duration of Claim (Weeks)	20.4	24.8	16.8	-17.9	21.2
Exhaustions	4,033	5,718	2,656	-29.5	51.8

* Insured unemployment rate is for the week including the 12th of the month.

United States Consumer Price Index

	MAY 2006			APR 2006		
	% Change From:			% Change From:		
	Index	Prior Month	Prior Year	Index	Prior Month	Prior Year
All Urban Consumers	202.5	+ 0.5	+4.2	201.5	+ 0.9	+3.5

Not Seasonally Adjusted State and Area Employment

The Louisiana Department of Labor, in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), continues to closely monitor the economic impact of the recent hurricanes on the business and household surveys in the affected parishes. In producing the post-hurricane estimates, BLS announced that a number of modifications were made to standard estimating procedures to better reflect the employment part the civilian labor force estimates. For a detailed explanation of the effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on all of the BLS program's methodology, please go to <http://stats.bls.gov/katrina/cpscesquestions.htm>.

Total nonfarm employment (not seasonally adjusted) for Louisiana for May was 1,774,800. This figure reflects a positive change of 8,200 from April's revised level. Both the goods producing and service providing supersectors contributed to this growth. Notably, service providing made up approximately 83 percent of the over-the-month gain. When comparing the current employment to that of last year, it is obvious that the state has not recovered from the effects of the two devastating hurricanes of 2005.

Total nonfarm employment in the Alexandria MSA was 65,500 for May. This was a gain of 100 from April and a gain of 2,400 from May 2005. The over-the-month increase was seen in goods producing employment. Growth from one year ago occurred in both goods producing and service providing employment.

Total nonfarm employment for the Baton Rouge MSA for May was estimated at 365,000. This figure reflects no change when compared to last month, but shows an increase of 14,200 when compared to last year. Over the month, goods producing was down 300, while service providing was up 300 resulting in a net change of zero. Over the year, goods producing rose by 3,200 and service providing by 11,000.

Total nonfarm employment was 86,300 for the Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux MSA for May. When compared to the April revised number, employment held steady. Goods producing employment decreased by 200, while service providing increased by 200 offsetting each other. The over-the-year increase resulted from gains of 900 in goods producing and 200 in service providing.

Total nonfarm employment for the Lafayette MSA was 141,500 for May, increasing 400 over the 30-day period and 4,900 over the 12-month period. Both goods producing employment and service providing employment expanded from one month ago as well as from one year ago. The majority of the growth from April was in goods producing employment. On the other hand, the largest gain from last year occurred in service providing employment.

Total nonfarm employment was 91,400 for the Lake Charles MSA in May. Employment declined over the month by 300 and over the year by 1,100. Goods producing decreased 300 over the month but increased 2,500 over the year. Service providing employment remained the same when compared to April, but lost 3,600 jobs when compared to last year due in part to hurricane Rita.

Total nonfarm employment in the Monroe MSA was 79,500 for May. The April revised level was 79,600 and the year-ago level was 78,900. Employment in goods producing edged up slightly from April, while service providing reported a minimal loss. Over the year, service providing gained jobs and goods producing lost jobs.

The New Orleans MSA total nonfarm employment was 429,700 for May, reflecting a growth of 5,400 jobs from last month, but a loss of 185,000 jobs from last year. Both the goods producing and service providing supersectors expanded over the month. Both supersectors also contracted over the year. The over-the-month increase is indicative of the MSA's continuing effort to rebound from hurricane Katrina.

Total nonfarm employment in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA was 179,000 for May. When compared to the month-ago and year-ago levels, employment rose by 300 and 4,200, respectively. Goods producing gained 200 from last month and 1,000 from last year. Service providing gained 100 over the 30-day period and 3,200 over the 12-month period.

Key to Graphs

The following graphs have been designed to reflect the over-the-year trends in the statistical data. Below are the most frequently used abbreviations.

OTM refers to the over-the-month change in employment

OTY refers to the over-the-year change in employment

SA refers to seasonally adjusted estimates

NSA refers to not seasonally adjusted estimates

Graphs for statewide reflect seasonally adjusted (SA) estimates compared to not seasonally adjusted (NSA) data.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) graphs denote nonfarm employment levels compared to a three year red trend line of the estimated employment. The gold lines in these graphs are the over-the-month changes for each year.

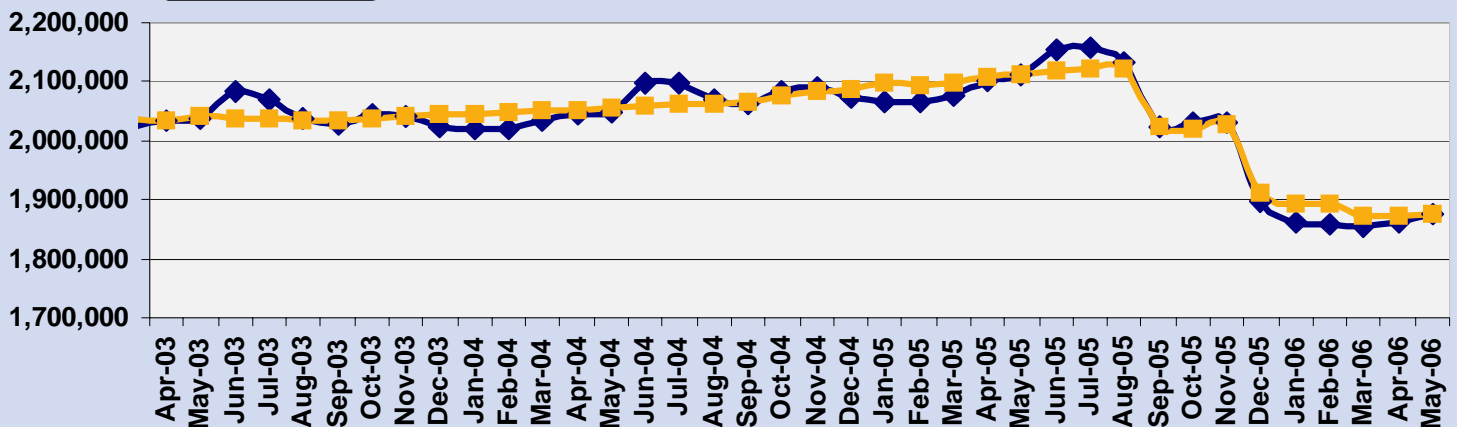
May 2006

Louisiana Civilian Labor Force

SA
1,876,778
OTM: 4,107
OTY: - 235,615

NSA
1,874,997
OTM: 12,435
OTY: -238,702

NSA SA



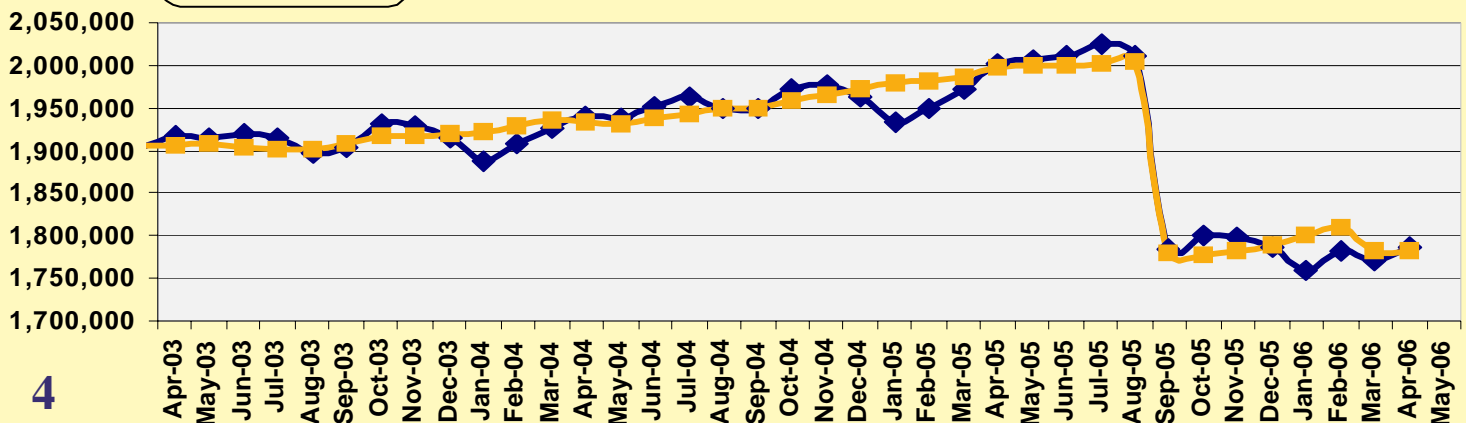
May 2006

Louisiana Civilian Labor Force Employment

SA
1,778,303
OTM: -4,305
OTY: -220,625

NSA
1,784,516
OTM: -1,363
OTY: - 221,382

NSA SA

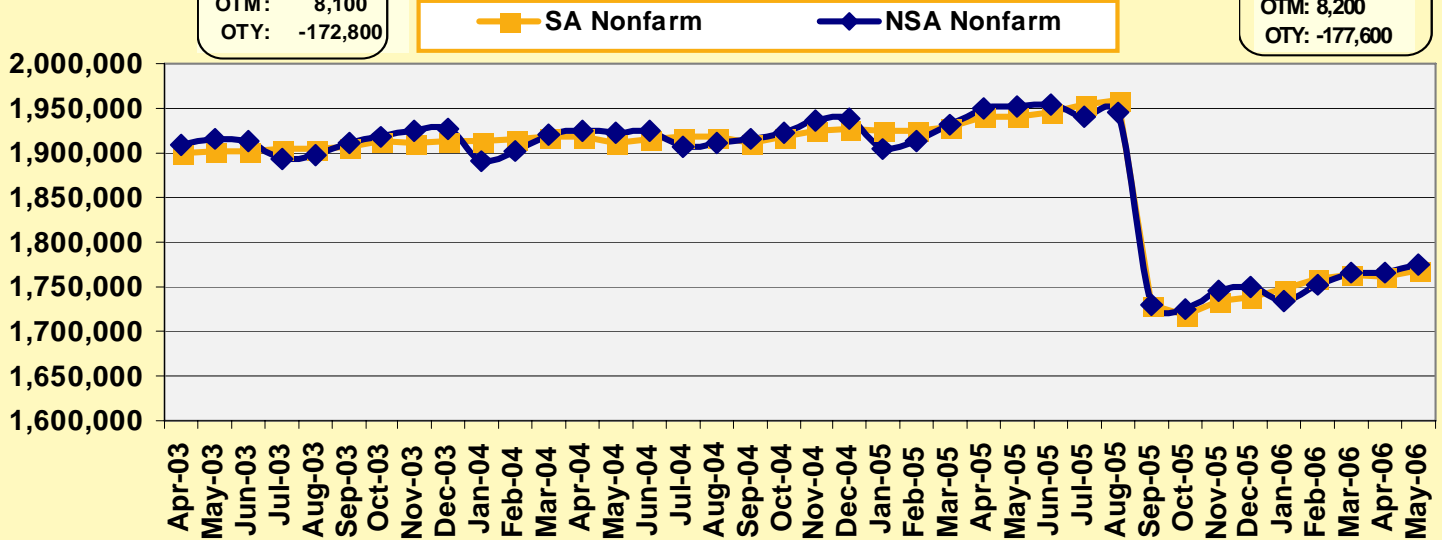


May 2006

Louisiana Nonfarm Employment

SA
1,769,100
OTM: 8,100
OTY: -172,800

NSA
1,774,800
OTM: 8,200
OTY: -177,600



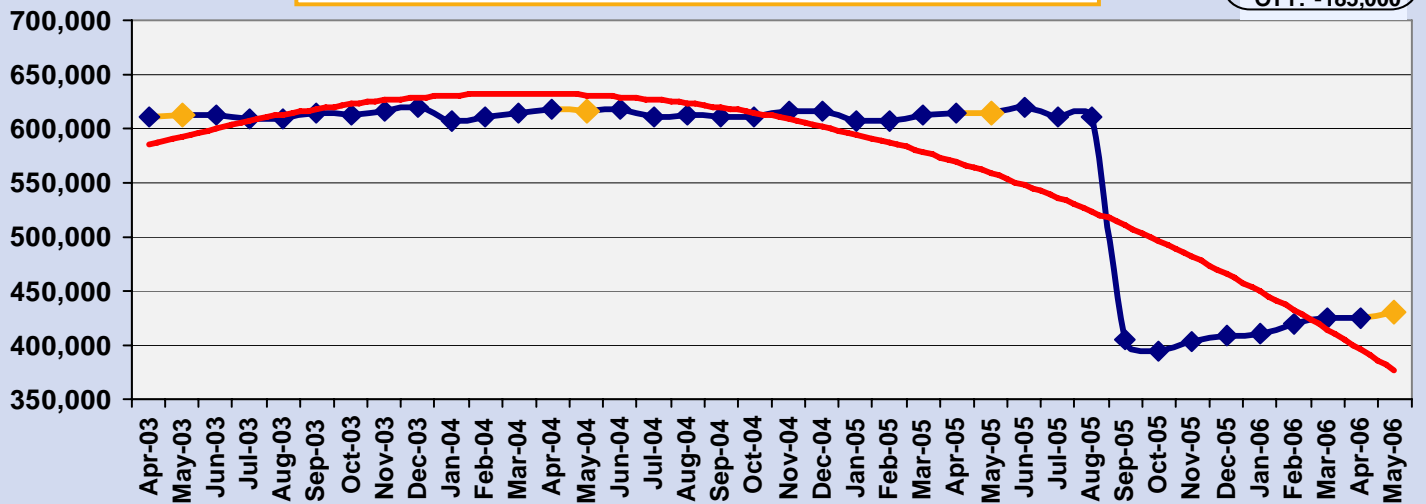
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New Orleans Nonfarm Employment

Monthly Estimate

3 Year Trend

NSA
429,700
OTM: 5,400
OTY: -185,000



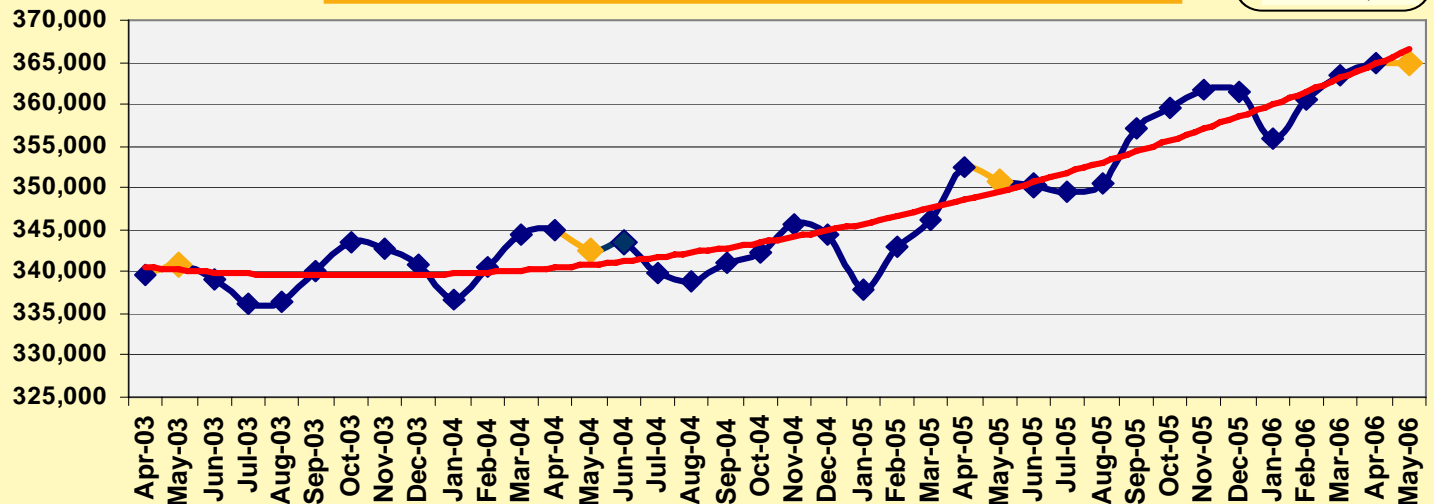
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Baton Rouge Nonfarm Employment

Monthly Estimate

3 Year Trend

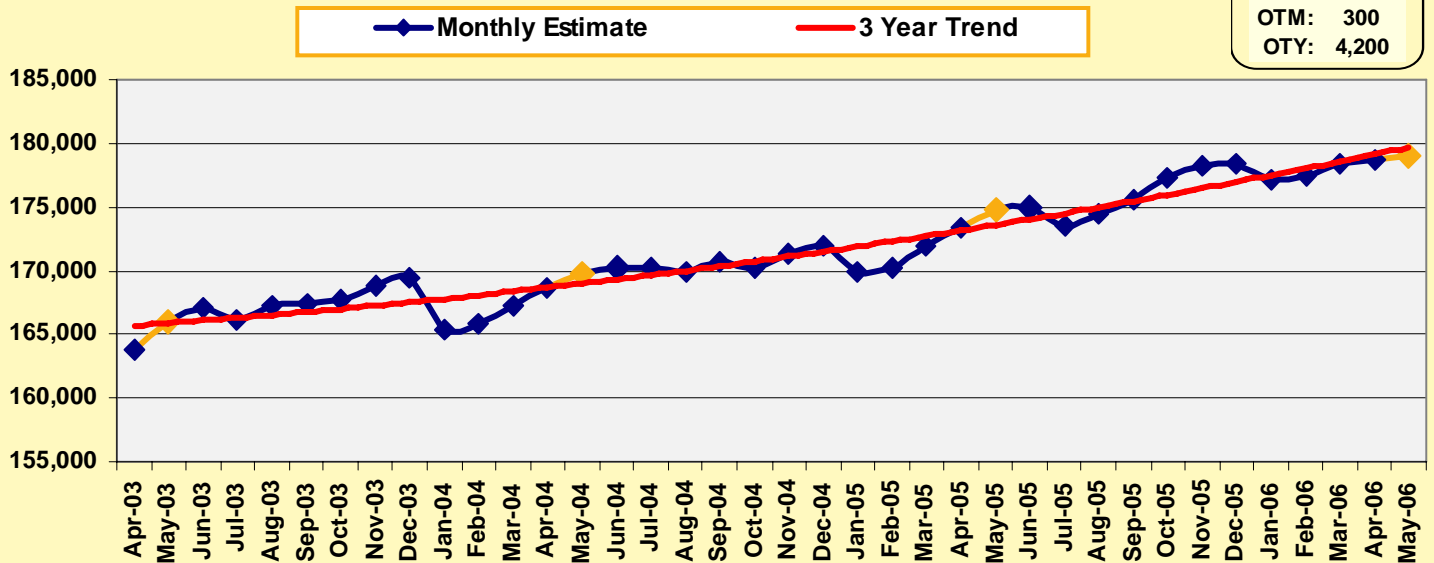
NSA
365,000
OTM: 0
OTY: 14,200



May 2006

Shreveport Nonfarm Employment

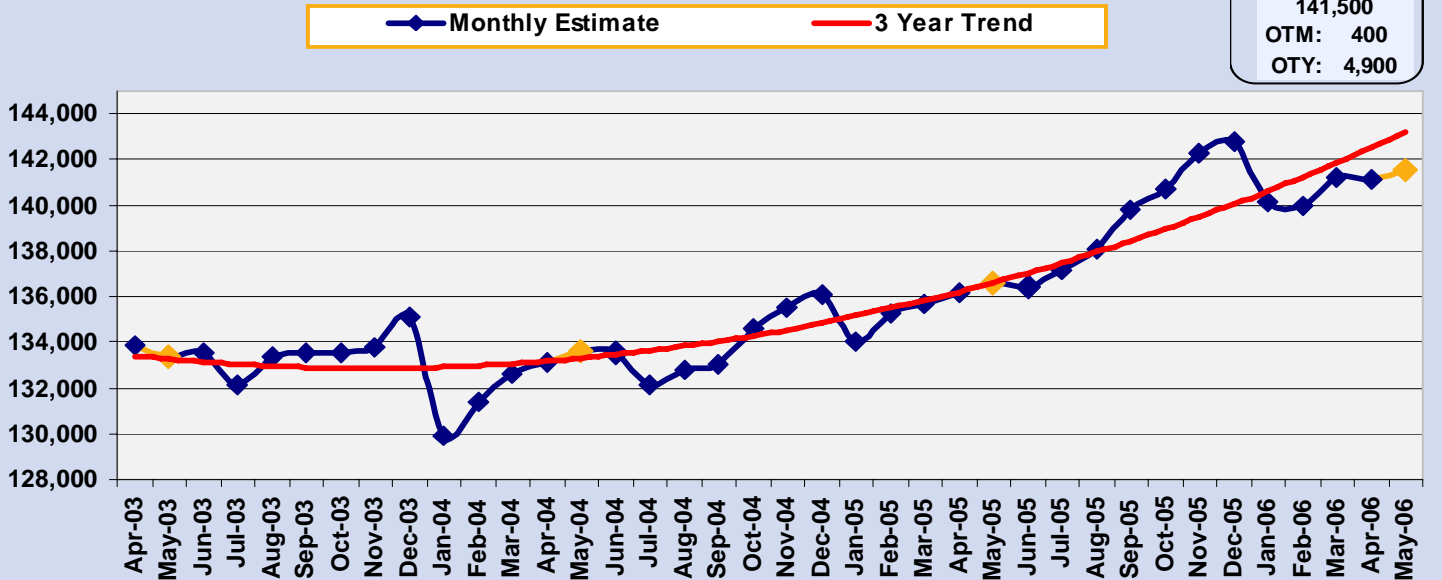
NSA
179,000
OTM: 300
OTY: 4,200



May 2006

Lafayette Nonfarm Employment

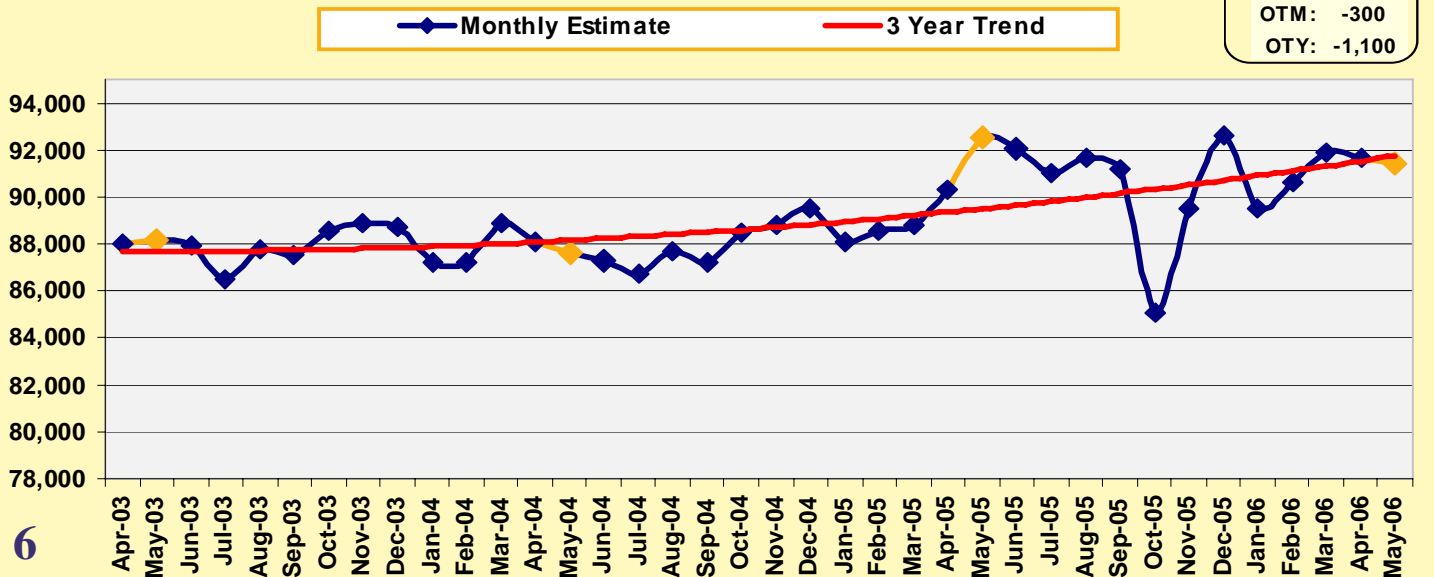
NSA
141,500
OTM: 400
OTY: 4,900



May 2006

Lake Charles Nonfarm Employment

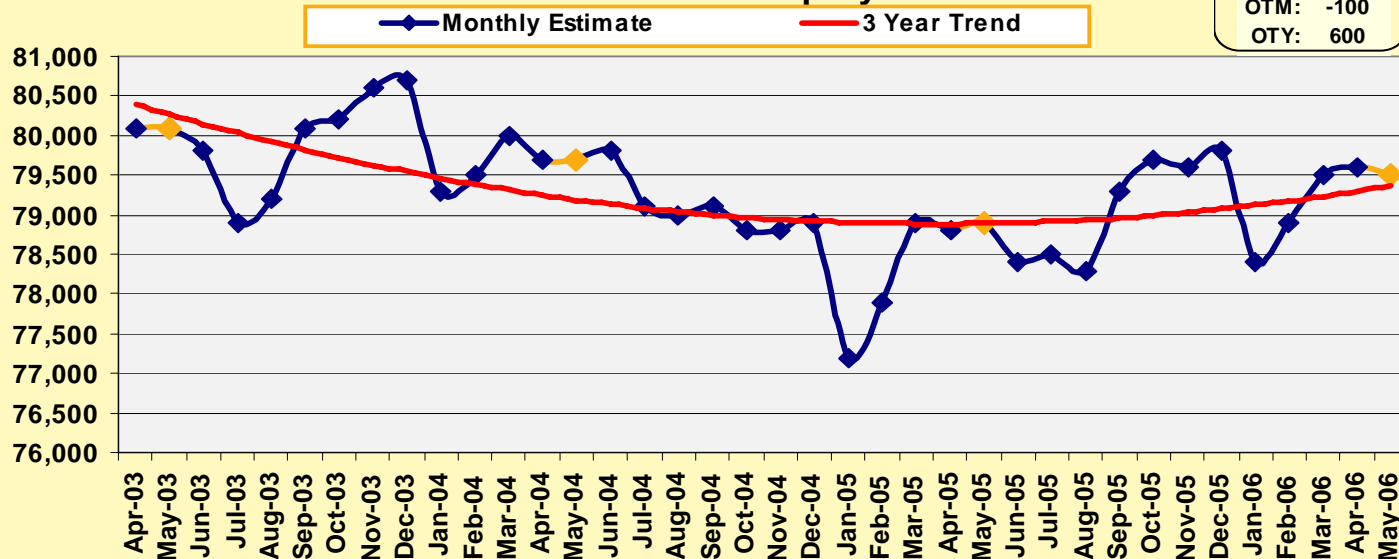
NSA
91,400
OTM: -300
OTY: -1,100



May 2006

Monroe Nonfarm Employment

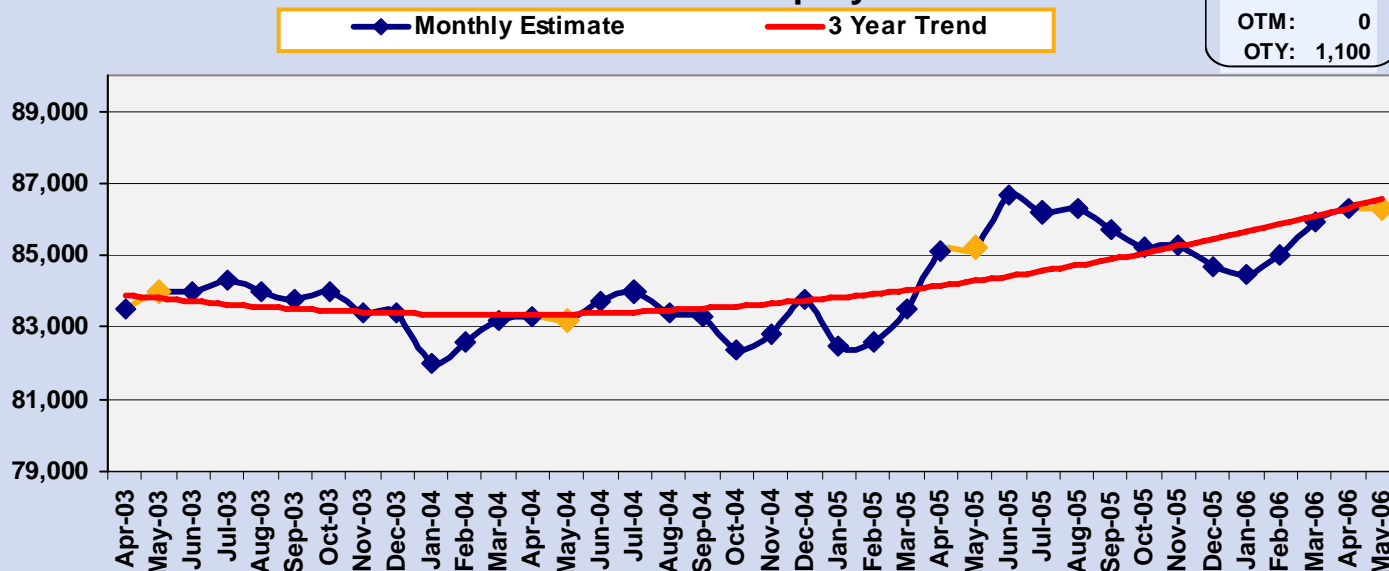
NSA
79,500
OTM: -100
QTY: 600



May 2006

Houma Nonfarm Employment

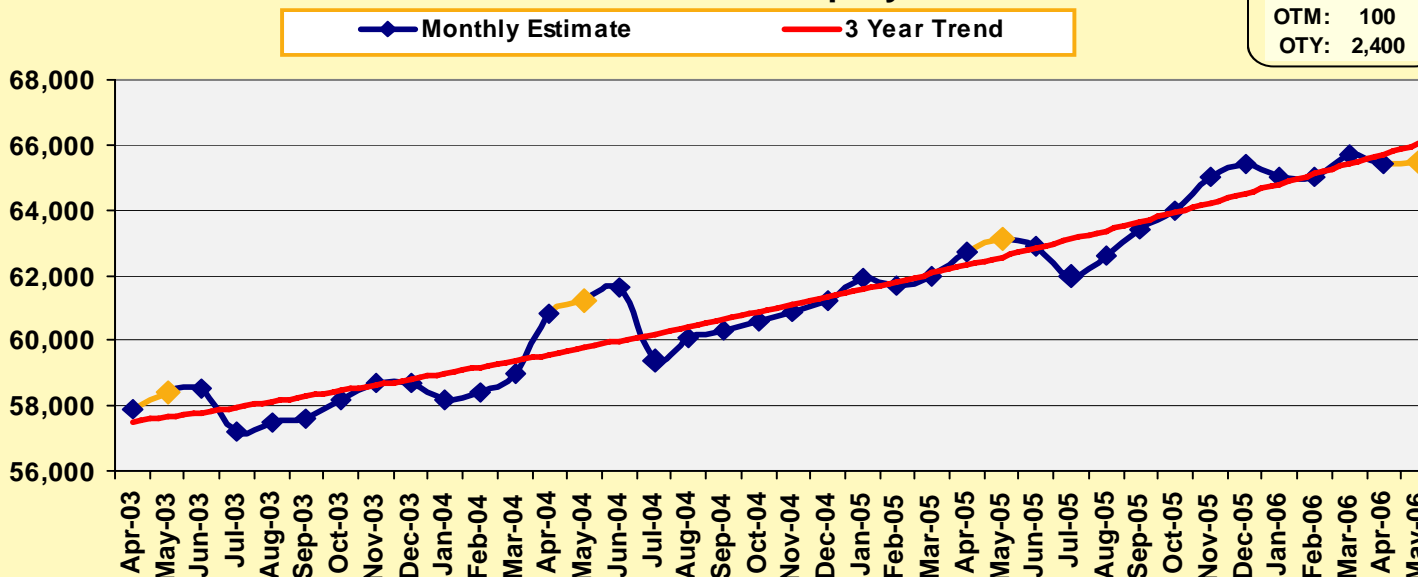
NSA
86,300
OTM: 0
QTY: 1,100



May 2006

Alexandria Nonfarm Employment

NSA
65,500
OTM: 100
QTY: 2,400



Not Seasonally Adjusted	LOUISIANA			NEW ORLEANS-METairie-Kenner MSA			BATON ROUGE MSA		
	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV
	MAY	APR	MAY	MAY	APR	MAY	MAY	APR	MAY
	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005
Total Nonfarm	1,774,800	1,766,600	1,952,400	429,700	424,300	614,700	365,000	365,000	350,800
Total Private	1,403,300	1,392,800	1,570,000	339,000	333,300	510,100	289,100	288,700	277,100
Goods Producing	299,400	298,000	322,100	58,400	57,300	76,800	68,300	68,600	65,100
Natural Resources & Mining	47,700	47,600	45,800						
Natural Resources & Mining & Construction				29,800	29,200	38,400	41,800	42,100	39,100
Mining	44,500	44,300	42,600	10,000	10,000	8,400			
Oil & Gas Extraction	8,100	8,100	8,000	3,300	3,200	3,500			
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction	8,100	8,100	7,900						
Support Activities for Mining	35,000	34,800	33,000						
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells	7,800	7,800	7,900						
Construction	107,700	106,700	121,600	19,500	18,900	30,000	40,100	40,300	37,600
Building, Development, General Construction, & Heavy Construction									
Construction of Buildings	25,100	24,600	24,700				9,400	9,300	8,900
Residential Building Construction	7,900	8,000	7,500						
Nonresidential Building Construction	17,200	16,600	17,200				7,900	7,800	7,700
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	33,500	33,700	36,000	6,000	5,600	7,500	13,900	13,900	12,900
Utility System Construction	20,000	20,300	19,300						
Specialty Trade Contractors	49,100	48,400	60,900	10,000	9,600	16,700	16,800	17,100	15,800
Manufacturing	144,000	143,700	154,700	28,600	28,100	38,400	26,500	26,500	26,000
Durable Goods	75,600	75,900	80,200	15,000	15,000	20,800			
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	22,200	22,300	23,900	10,200	10,200	11,800			
Ship & Boat Building	13,800	13,900	15,200	8,000	8,000	9,600			
Nondurable Goods	68,400	67,800	74,500	13,600	13,100	17,600	18,000	17,900	17,900
Food Manufacturing	14,400	14,100	17,700						
Paper Manufacturing	9,400	9,300	9,900						
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.									
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing	10,500	10,400	10,200	3,200	3,200	3,300			
Chemical Manufacturing	22,400	22,500	23,400	4,800	4,900	4,800	10,000	10,100	10,100
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	11,700	11,800	12,500				5,400	5,500	5,600
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artif. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments							3,200	3,200	3,100
Service Providing	1,475,400	1,468,600	1,630,300	371,300	367,000	537,900	296,700	296,400	285,700
Private Service Providing	1,103,900	1,094,800	1,247,900	280,600	276,000	433,300	220,800	220,100	212,000
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	363,900	361,600	382,900	90,200	88,500	123,500	66,100	66,100	63,500
Wholesale Trade	72,500	72,100	75,400	20,500	20,100	25,900	13,000	13,100	12,800
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	35,100	34,400	38,100	8,300	8,200	12,500			
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	27,600	27,800	27,900	9,700	9,600	9,600			
Retail Trade	212,300	211,100	225,800	43,500	42,500	68,200	39,100	39,000	38,000
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise									
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	24,900	24,600	28,600						
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers	21,300	20,700	19,500						
Food & Beverage Stores	31,500	31,500	40,700	3,900	3,800	12,700	6,500	6,400	6,300
Grocery Stores	30,400	30,300	34,400	3,700	3,600	10,300	6,100	6,000	5,400
Health & Personal Care Stores	13,200	13,300	14,600	3,400	3,500	5,300			
Gasoline Stations	17,100	17,000	18,500						
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	15,100	15,100	18,900						
General Merchandise Stores	48,900	48,800	50,700	6,700	5,800	14,300	9,100	9,000	8,500
Department Stores	15,100	14,900	16,200				2,700	2,700	2,500
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	79,100	78,400	81,700	26,200	25,900	29,400	14,000	14,000	12,700
Utilities	8,600	8,700	9,600	2,800	2,800	2,800			
Transportation and Warehousing	70,500	69,700	72,100	23,400	23,100	26,600			
Truck Transportation	14,300	13,800	18,600						
Support Activities for Transportation	19,900	20,200	20,900						
Support Activities for Water Transportation									
Information	27,500	28,100	29,300	7,300	7,700	9,600	5,800	5,700	5,600
Telecommunications	11,600	11,700	12,800						
Financial Activities	94,500	94,300	99,000	24,500	24,200	32,900	18,900	19,000	18,200
Finance & Insurance	59,400	59,100	64,300	10,800	10,700	20,900	13,300	13,200	13,000
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	33,900	33,700	34,500	7,700	7,600	10,300			
Depository Credit Intermediation	22,600	22,500	23,600	5,100	5,100	7,500	4,500	4,500	4,100
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	22,600	22,500	25,300						
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	35,100	35,200	34,700						
Professional & Business Services	171,600	169,500	191,700	45,300	44,300	75,600	40,800	40,400	38,500
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	60,500	59,100	73,100	14,500	14,200	28,000	16,900	16,700	15,300
Legal Services	13,900	13,700	20,200	5,800	5,700	9,100			
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services	7,900	7,700	9,000						
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services	20,400	19,900	19,300						
Management of Companies & Enterprises	22,100	21,900	22,400	6,300	6,200	8,700			
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.	89,000	88,500	96,200	24,500	23,900	38,900	20,000	19,800	19,200
Administrative & Support Services	83,500	83,000	89,800	22,300	21,800	36,900			
Employment Services	37,600	37,600	36,600	8,700	8,100	15,500			
Services to Buildings & Dwellings	15,200	14,700	20,600						
Educational & Health Services	212,500	211,100	257,400	45,700	45,300	81,700	41,300	41,400	40,400
Educational Services	28,300	27,900	38,100	10,200	9,900	19,400			
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools	18,100	18,200	25,300	7,200	7,300	9,800			
Health Care & Social Assistance	184,200	183,200	219,300	35,500	35,400	62,300	35,800	36,000	34,500
Ambulatory Health Care Services	71,100	70,600	76,200	12,300	12,200	22,100	15,100	14,800	13,400
Offices of Physicians	27,300	27,400	31,400						
Home Health Care Services	15,100	15,600	15,400						
Hospitals	56,100	55,700	65,300	17,200	17,100	20,600	11,500	11,400	10,400
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	50,700	50,300	55,000						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	33,600	33,700	44,800						
Nursing Care Facilities	24,800	24,900	28,500						
Social Assistance	23,400	23,200	33,000						
Leisure & Hospitality	175,100	172,400	215,700	57,800	56,400	87,400	33,400	33,100	31,900
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	29,900	29,500	38,300	6,300	6,300	14,700			
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries	25,800	25,300	32,100	4,900	4,800	10,900			
Gambling Industries	14,900	14,800	19,700	2,700	2,700	6,000			
Casinos (except Casino hotels)	14,100	14,000	17,800						
Accommodation & Food Services	145,200	142,900	177,400	51,500	50,100	72,700	28,300	28,400	27,000
Accommodation	15,500	14,300	29,100	11,900	11,500	15,700			
Food Services & Drinking Places	129,700	128,600	148,300	39,600	38,600	57,000	25,600	25,700	24,300
Other Services	58,800	57,800	71,900	9,800	9,600	22,600	14,500	14,400	13,900
Repair & Maintenance	18,200	17,600	21,000						
Automotive Repair & Maintenance	9,800	9,600	11,900						
Personal & Laundry Services	14,400	14,600	18,100						
Government	371,500	373,800	382,400	90,700	91,000	104,600	75,900	76,300	73,700
Federal Government	33,000	32,900	34,300	13,100	13,200	15,600	3,900	3,600	2,600
State Government	116,200	118,300	119,500	24,200	24,100	26,000	39,700	40,700	39,800
Local Government	222,300	222,600	228,600	53,400	53,700	63,000	32,300	32,000	31,300

LOUISIANA & MSAs NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

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	SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY MSA			LAFAYETTE MSA			LAKE CHARLES MSA		
	PREL MAY 2006	REV APR 2006	REV MAY 2005	PREL MAY 2006	REV APR 2006	REV MAY 2005	PREL MAY 2006	REV APR 2006	REV MAY 2005
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted</i>									
Total Nonfarm	179,000	178,700	174,800	141,500	141,100	136,600	91,400	91,700	92,500
Total Private	144,700	144,300	141,200	124,800	124,300	120,500	76,600	76,800	77,300
Goods Producing	27,800	27,600	26,800	29,600	29,300	28,600	22,100	22,400	19,600
Natural Resources & Mining									
Natural Resources & Mining & Construction	13,400	13,200	12,100	21,200	20,900	19,900	13,400	13,700	10,600
Mining				14,200	14,200	13,400			
Oil & Gas Extraction									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction									
Support Activities for Mining				12,800	12,900	12,300			
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells									
Construction	9,800	9,500	8,500						
Building, Development, General Construction, & Heavy Construction							5,600	5,400	5,700
Construction of Buildings									
Residential Building Construction									
Nonresidential Building Construction									
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction							4,600	4,500	4,600
Utility System Construction									
Specialty Trade Contractors									
Manufacturing	14,400	14,400	14,700	8,400	8,400	8,700	8,700	8,700	9,000
Durable Goods									
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	3,700	3,800	4,500						
Ship & Boat Building									
Nondurable Goods							7,100	7,100	7,300
Food Manufacturing									
Paper Manufacturing									
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.							6,500	6,500	6,700
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing									
Chemical Manufacturing							4,000	4,000	4,300
Basic Chemical Manufacturing									
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artific. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments									
Service Providing	151,200	151,100	148,000	111,900	111,800	108,000	69,300	69,300	72,900
Private Service Providing	116,900	116,700	114,400	95,200	95,000	91,900	54,500	54,400	57,700
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	33,800	33,900	33,200	28,300	28,400	27,600	17,500	17,300	17,600
Wholesale Trade	7,100	7,100	7,000	6,800	6,800	6,400			
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods									
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods									
Retail Trade	20,100	20,100	19,800	17,100	17,200	17,000	10,300	10,200	10,600
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise							3,500	3,500	3,500
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers									
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers									
Food & Beverage Stores									
Grocery Stores									
Health & Personal Care Stores									
Gasoline Stations									
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores									
General Merchandise Stores	4,400	4,400	4,100	3,000	3,100	3,100			
Department Stores									
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	6,600	6,700	6,400	4,400	4,400	4,200			
Utilities									
Transportation and Warehousing									
Truck Transportation									
Support Activities for Transportation									
Support Activities for Water Transportation									
Information	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,200	3,300	3,200			
Telecommunications									
Financial Activities	7,500	7,400	7,300	8,800	8,700	8,200			
Finance & Insurance									
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities									
Depository Credit Intermediation									
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities									
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing									
Professional & Business Services	17,200	17,000	15,300	14,900	14,900	14,200	7,100	6,900	6,900
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services				6,600	6,700	6,600			
Legal Services									
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services									
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services									
Management of Companies & Enterprises									
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.	8,300	8,400	8,300	5,600	5,500	5,200			
Administrative & Support Services									
Employment Services									
Services to Buildings & Dwellings									
Educational & Health Services	23,400	23,700	23,500	20,900	20,700	20,100			
Educational Services									
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools									
Health Care & Social Assistance	22,400	22,700	22,400	19,500	19,000	18,400			
Ambulatory Health Care Services									
Offices of Physicians									
Home Health Care Services									
Hospitals	8,300	8,300	8,500	5,500	5,400	5,300	3,100	3,100	3,200
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	6,600	6,600	6,900						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities									
Nursing Care Facilities									
Social Assistance									
Leisure & Hospitality	24,400	24,200	24,400	14,400	14,300	14,000	11,500	11,300	13,900
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	10,000	10,000	10,100						
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries	9,500	9,400	9,700						
Gambling Industries	8,100	8,100	8,500						
Casinos (except Casino hotels)									
Accommodation & Food Services	14,400	14,200	14,300	13,300	13,100	12,300	10,500	10,300	10,800
Accommodation									
Food Services & Drinking Places	13,200	13,100	13,100	12,300	12,300	11,300			
Other Services	7,700	7,600	7,800	4,700	4,700	4,600			
Repair & Maintenance									
Automotive Repair & Maintenance									
Personal & Laundry Services									
Government	34,300	34,400	33,600	16,700	16,800	16,100	14,800	14,900	15,200
Federal Government	4,500	4,500	4,800	1,100	1,100	1,100	600	600	700
State Government	10,700	10,700	10,000	5,200	5,200	5,200	4,100	4,200	4,300
Local Government	19,100	19,200	18,800	10,400	10,500	9,800	10,100	10,100	10,200

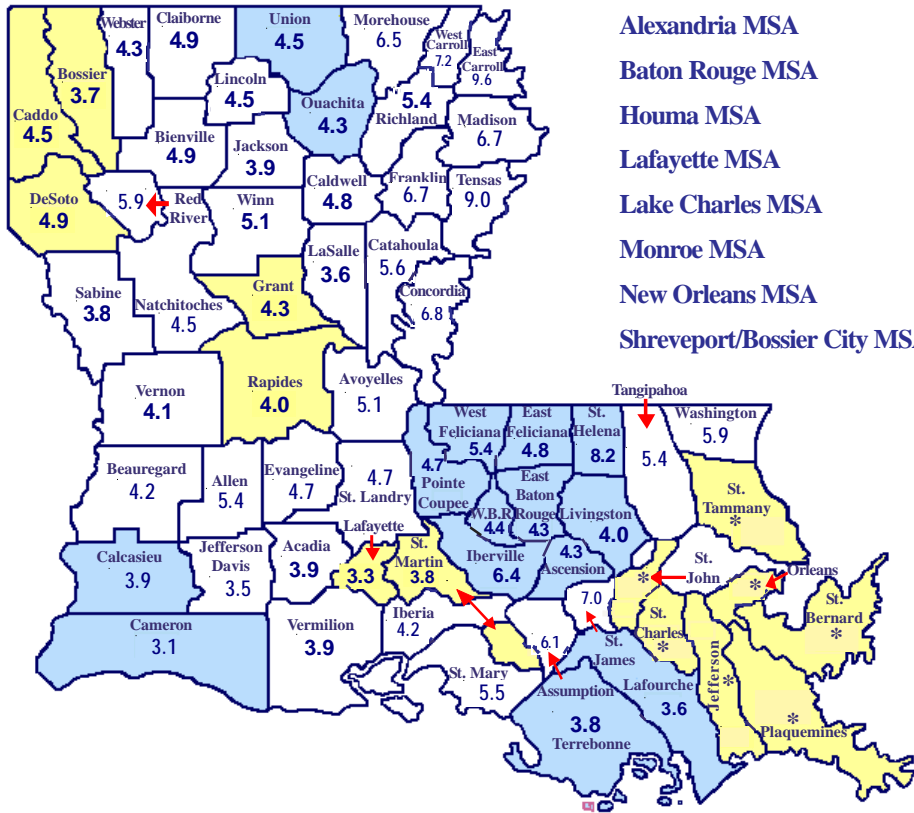
	MONROE MSA			HOUMA-BAYOU CANE- THIBODAUX MSA			ALEXANDRIA MSA		
	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted</i>	MAY	APR	MAY	MAY	APR	MAY	MAY	APR	MAY
	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005
Total Nonfarm	79,500	79,600	78,900	86,300	86,300	85,200	65,500	65,400	63,100
Total Private	64,900	64,900	64,700	71,900	71,800	70,600	49,900	49,800	47,500
Goods Producing	12,500	12,400	12,800	19,200	19,400	18,300	9,000	8,900	8,400
Natural Resources & Mining									
Natural Resources & Mining & Construction				13,700	13,800	12,500			
Mining				6,400	6,400	5,900			
Oil & Gas Extraction									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction									
Support Activities for Mining				5,800	5,800	5,300			
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells									
Construction									
Building, Development, General Construction, & Heavy Construction									
Construction of Buildings									
Residential Building Construction									
Nonresidential Building Construction									
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction									
Utility System Construction									
Specialty Trade Contractors				2,600	2,600	2,400			
Manufacturing	8,500	8,500	9,000						
Durable Goods				6,700	6,900	7,100			
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing									
Ship & Boat Building									
Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,600	6,000						
Food Manufacturing									
Paper Manufacturing									
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.									
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing									
Chemical Manufacturing									
Basic Chemical Manufacturing									
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artif. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments									
Service Providing	67,000	67,200	66,100	67,100	66,900	66,900	56,500	56,500	54,700
Private Service Providing	52,400	52,500	51,900	52,700	52,400	52,300	40,900	40,900	39,100
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	14,600	14,600	14,400	20,500	20,700	20,400	11,100	11,200	11,200
Wholesale Trade									
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods									
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods									
Retail Trade	9,900	10,000	9,600	10,200	10,400	10,300	7,700	8,000	7,600
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise	3,600	3,500	3,300						
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers									
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers									
Food & Beverage Stores									
Grocery Stores									
Health & Personal Care Stores									
Gasoline Stations									
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores									
General Merchandise Stores									
Department Stores									
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities									
Utilities									
Transportation and Warehousing									
Truck Transportation									
Support Activities for Transportation				4,400	4,400	4,400			
Support Activities for Water Transportation				4,200	4,300	4,100			
Information									
Telecommunications									
Financial Activities									
Finance & Insurance									
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities									
Depository Credit Intermediation									
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities									
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing									
Professional & Business Services	7,000	7,000	7,200						
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services									
Legal Services									
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services									
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services									
Management of Companies & Enterprises									
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.									
Administrative & Support Services				4,500	4,500	4,400			
Employment Services				3,400	3,400	3,100			
Services to Buildings & Dwellings									
Educational & Health Services	13,300	13,300	13,000						
Educational Services									
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools									
Health Care & Social Assistance	12,600	12,700	12,300						
Ambulatory Health Care Services									
Offices of Physicians									
Home Health Care Services									
Hospitals	4,300	4,300	4,200				3,800	3,900	3,900
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	3,500	3,500	3,500						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities									
Nursing Care Facilities									
Social Assistance									
Leisure & Hospitality	6,500	6,500	6,900	6,200	6,300	6,700			
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation									
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries									
Gambling Industries									
Casinos (except Casino hotels)									
Accommodation & Food Services									
Accommodation									
Food Services & Drinking Places									
Other Services									
Repair & Maintenance									
Automotive Repair & Maintenance									
Personal & Laundry Services									
Government	14,600	14,700	14,200	14,400	14,500	14,600	15,600	15,600	15,600
Federal Government	600	600	600	400	400	500	2,800	2,800	2,800
State Government	5,100	5,100	4,800	3,600	3,700	3,500	5,300	5,400	5,400
Local Government	8,900	9,000	8,800	10,400	10,400	10,600	7,500	7,400	7,400

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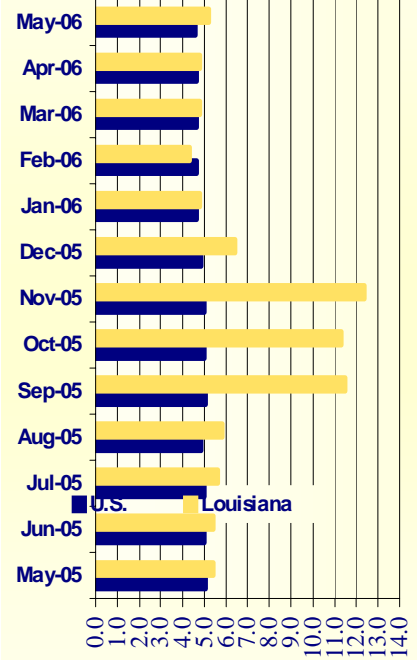
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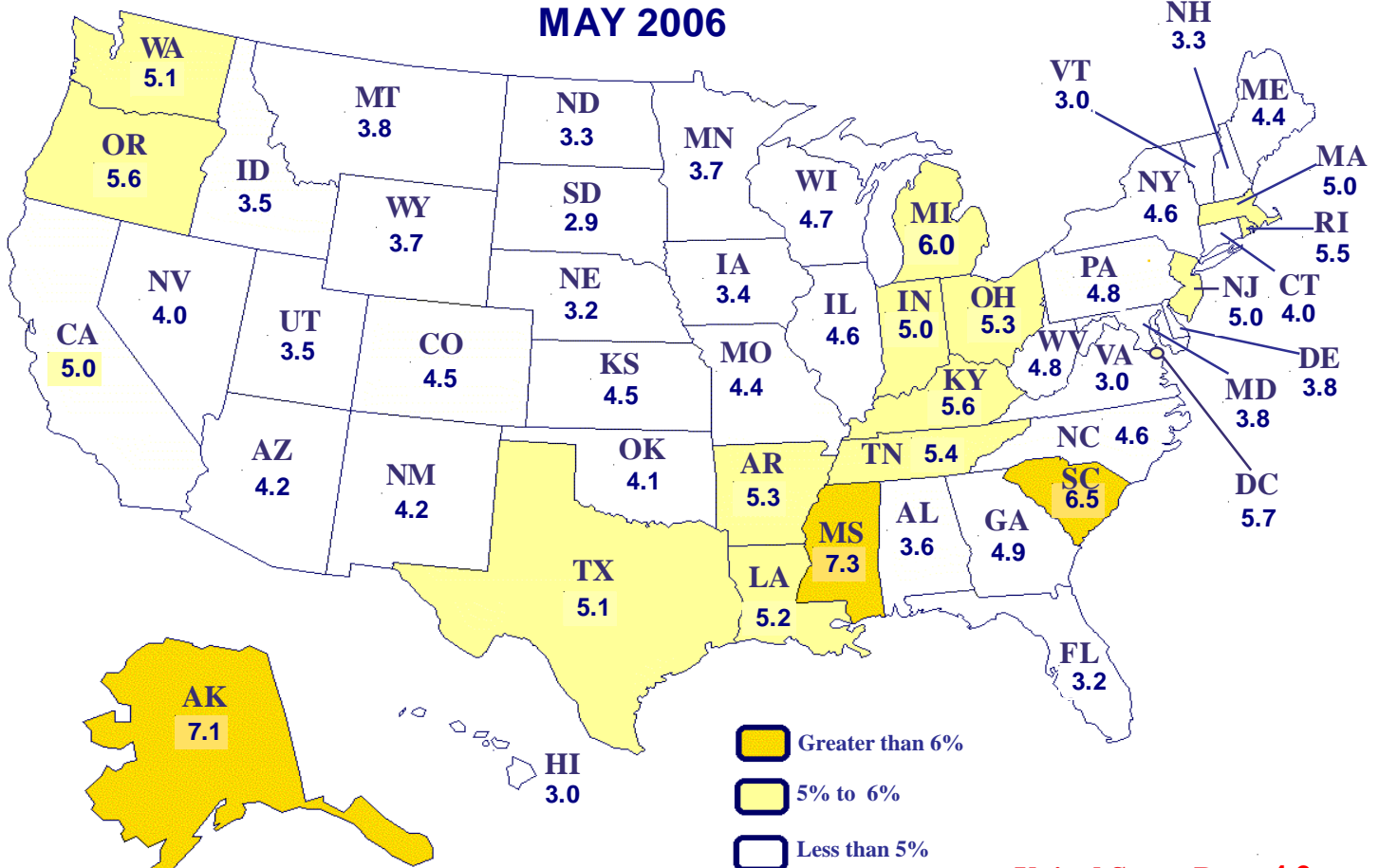
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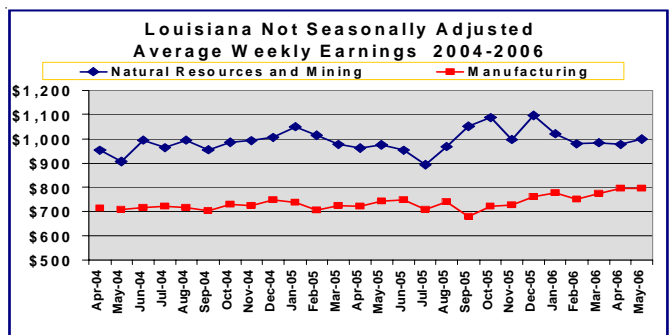
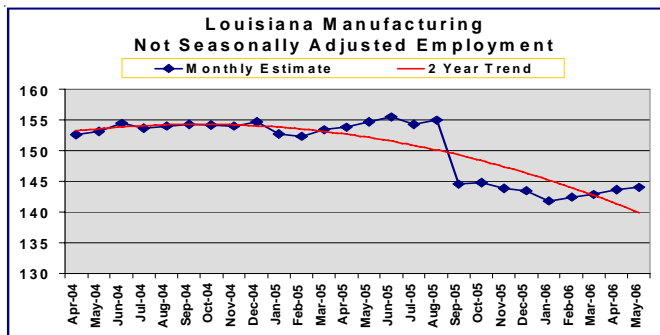
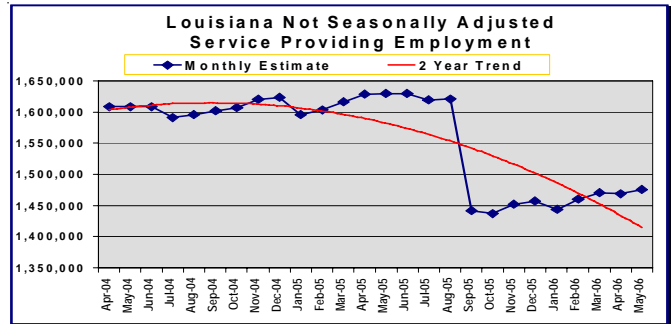


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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Area	Preliminary May 2006			Preliminary (U.S. data is Revised) April 2006			Revised May 2005		
	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
UNITED STATES	144,041,000	6,655,000	4.4	143,405,000	6,804,000	4.5	141,591,000	7,287,000	4.9
LOUISIANA	1,784,516	90,481	4.8	1,785,879	76,683	4.1	2,005,898	107,801	5.1
ALEXANDRIA MSA	64,366	2,698	4.0	63,677	2,225	3.4	64,100	3,346	5.0
Grant	8,006	357	4.3	7,921	287	3.5	7,973	465	5.5
Rapides	56,360	2,341	4.0	55,756	1,938	3.4	56,127	2,881	4.9
BATON ROUGE MSA	339,329	15,661	4.4	340,898	13,266	3.7	337,958	18,197	5.1
Ascension	41,794	1,895	4.3	41,987	1,576	3.6	41,625	2,077	4.8
East Baton Rouge	201,325	8,987	4.3	202,256	7,796	3.7	200,512	10,461	5.0
East Feliciana	7,792	396	4.8	7,828	335	4.1	7,761	470	5.7
Iberville	11,665	795	6.4	11,719	649	5.2	11,618	918	7.3
Livingston	49,181	2,069	4.0	49,409	1,694	3.3	48,983	2,374	4.6
Pointe Coupee	9,222	456	4.7	9,265	379	3.9	9,185	666	6.8
St. Helena	3,823	343	8.2	3,841	293	7.1	3,808	363	8.7
West Baton Rouge	9,961	460	4.4	10,007	364	3.5	9,921	584	5.6
West Feliciana	4,566	260	5.4	4,587	180	3.8	4,547	285	5.9
HOUMA-BAYOU CANE-THIBODAUX MSA	88,531	3,399	3.7	89,058	2,829	3.1	91,410	4,246	4.4
Lafourche	42,008	1,549	3.6	42,258	1,198	2.8	43,374	1,929	4.3
Terrebonne	46,523	1,850	3.8	46,800	1,631	3.4	48,036	2,317	4.6
LAFAYETTE MSA	120,358	4,267	3.4	120,276	3,530	2.9	119,637	5,207	4.2
Lafayette	98,813	3,407	3.3	98,745	2,786	2.7	98,221	4,151	4.1
St. Martin	21,545	860	3.8	21,531	744	3.3	21,416	1,056	4.7
LAKE CHARLES MSA	87,715	3,508	3.8	88,108	2,870	3.2	91,408	4,612	4.8
Calcasieu	83,485	3,371	3.9	83,859	2,753	3.2	87,000	4,434	4.8
Cameron	4,230	137	3.1	4,249	117	2.7	4,408	178	3.9
MONROE MSA	76,736	3,482	4.3	77,143	2,909	3.6	78,466	4,454	5.4
Ouachita	67,074	3,023	4.3	67,429	2,502	3.6	68,586	3,810	5.3
Union	9,662	459	4.5	9,714	407	4.0	9,880	644	6.1
NEW ORLEANS-METairie-Kenner MSA	404,498	27,518	6.4	401,646	24,077	5.7	610,595	30,281	4.7
Jefferson	Household sample data were not available.						225,264	10,341	4.4
New Orleans City/Orleans							194,683	11,561	5.6
Plaquemines							11,479	539	4.5
St. Bernard							30,418	1,633	5.1
St. Charles							23,963	1,147	4.6
St. John Baptist							20,138	1,181	5.5
St. Tammany							104,649	3,878	3.6
SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY MSA	170,329	7,635	4.3	170,180	6,289	3.6	171,053	9,333	5.2
Bossier	48,393	1,848	3.7	48,351	1,511	3.0	48,599	2,291	4.5
Caddo	111,287	5,239	4.5	111,189	4,336	3.8	111,760	6,365	5.4
De Soto	10,649	547	4.9	10,640	442	4.0	10,694	677	6.0
NON-MSA PARISHES									
Acadia (Crowley) ¹	23,432	952	3.9	23,694	779	3.2	23,606	1,266	5.1
Allen	7,722	442	5.4	7,740	342	4.2	7,931	613	7.2
Assumption (Pierre Part) ¹	8,934	576	6.1	9,046	460	4.8	9,157	756	7.6
Avoyelles	14,720	793	5.1	14,880	654	4.2	14,760	1,014	6.4
Beauregard (DeRidder) ¹	13,552	592	4.2	13,369	481	3.5	13,535	789	5.5
Bienville	5,828	302	4.9	5,809	252	4.2	5,902	451	7.1
Caldwell	4,028	201	4.8	4,137	154	3.6	4,064	289	6.6
Catahoula	3,896	230	5.6	4,040	200	4.7	3,910	267	6.4
Claiborne	6,473	331	4.9	6,482	256	3.8	6,548	402	5.8
Concordia (Natchez, MS-LA) ¹	6,567	477	6.8	6,655	432	6.1	6,627	558	7.8
East Carroll	2,534	269	9.6	2,613	242	8.5	2,602	345	11.7
Evangeline	11,168	550	4.7	11,301	443	3.8	11,383	709	5.9
Franklin	7,024	502	6.7	7,371	427	5.5	7,258	590	7.5
Iberia (New Iberia) ¹	30,134	1,308	4.2	30,260	1,080	3.4	30,464	1,758	5.5
Jackson (Ruston) ¹	6,132	250	3.9	6,061	218	3.5	6,172	337	5.2
Jefferson Davis (Jennings) ¹	13,314	483	3.5	13,265	379	2.8	13,568	649	4.6
La Salle	5,609	211	3.6	5,558	156	2.7	5,535	285	4.9
Lincoln (Ruston) ¹	17,584	830	4.5	17,379	671	3.7	17,697	1,002	5.4
Madison (Tallulah) ¹	4,263	304	6.7	4,179	259	5.8	4,366	391	8.2
Morehouse (Bastrop) ¹	10,672	747	6.5	10,761	628	5.5	10,945	955	8.0
Natchitoches (Natchitoches) ¹	17,103	811	4.5	17,221	680	3.8	16,963	1,019	5.7
Red River	3,005	190	5.9	3,085	167	5.1	3,088	275	8.2
Richland	7,761	440	5.4	7,972	381	4.6	7,964	578	6.8
Sabine	8,911	349	3.8	9,000	280	3.0	9,071	485	5.1
St. James	7,581	571	7.0	7,619	460	5.7	8,331	681	7.6
St. Landry (Opelousas, Eunice) ¹	34,398	1,683	4.7	34,429	1,404	3.9	34,469	2,048	5.6
St. Mary (Morgan City) ¹	19,704	1,139	5.5	19,908	984	4.7	20,363	1,622	7.4
Tangipahoa (Hammond) ¹	44,076	2,495	5.4	44,378	2,185	4.7	46,781	2,604	5.3
Tensas	1,941	193	9.0	2,090	186	8.2	2,062	175	7.8
Vermilion (Abbeville) ¹	22,233	897	3.9	22,022	777	3.4	22,307	1,155	4.9
Vernon (Fort Polk South) ¹	19,943	862	4.1	20,166	688	3.3	20,165	1,040	4.9
Washington (Bogalusa) ¹	14,031	877	5.9	13,853	758	5.2	15,233	1,046	6.4
Webster (Minden) ¹	18,520	826	4.3	18,410	693	3.6	18,325	1,143	5.9
West Carroll	4,198	327	7.2	4,395	296	6.3	4,256	461	9.8
Winn	5,664	302	5.1	5,742	237	4.0	5,864	365	5.9

The 109,300 workers statewide in all manufacturing earned an average of \$795.93 per week in May 2006. Average weekly hours worked in May were 42.7 and average hourly earnings were \$18.64.



AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES												
	Louisiana			New Orleans MSA			Baton Rouge MSA			Shreveport-Bossier City MSA		
	MAY 2006	APR 2006	MAY 2005	MAY 2006	APR 2006	MAY 2005	MAY 2006	APR 2006	MAY 2005	MAY 2006	APR 2006	MAY 2005
Average Weekly Earnings \$												
Natural Resources & Mining	999.97	976.74	975.60									
Mining	999.03	976.80	984.59									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	1,534.62	1,534.62	1,303.20									
Support Act for Mining	949.72	920.83	970.28									
Manufacturing	795.93	795.56	743.99	867.74	997.41	952.28	940.69	1,001.42	784.77			
Durable Goods	770.35	749.06	758.81									
Transportation Equipment	869.40	835.77	871.12	768.30	733.98	660.52				1,217.74	1,218.00	1,329.17
Ship & Boat Building	830.38	726.72	760.84	666.04	666.04	660.52						
Nondurable Goods	826.98	848.30	727.65	867.74	997.41	952.28	1,298.68	1,474.32	1,172.36			
Food Manufacturing	436.23	445.77	428.37									
Paper Manufacturing	1,075.55	1,043.19	794.35									
Petroleum & Coal Products	897.70	897.70	1,095.33									
Chemical Manufacturing	1,408.35	1,475.60	1,194.32	1,580.74	1,580.74	1,416.12	2,185.42	2,185.42	1,643.14			
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	1,557.25	1,557.25	1,400.42				2,289.37	2,289.37	1,648.64			
Resin, Synthetic Rubber							1,114.86	1,114.86	1,234.53			
Average Weekly Hours												
Natural Resources & Mining	42.3	44.6	47.8									
Mining	42.1	44.4	47.2									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	49.6	49.6	45.0									
Support Act for Mining	41.4	43.6	47.4									
Manufacturing	42.7	41.5	42.2	41.4	43.9	35.8	45.4	46.0	41.5			
Durable Goods	43.4	41.8	44.9									
Transportation Equipment	41.4	39.0	45.3	39.4	39.0	40.3				40.7	40.6	46.2
Ship & Boat Building	45.6	38.8	46.0	38.3	38.3	40.3						
Nondurable Goods	42.0	41.1	39.1	41.4	43.9	35.8	46.2	46.7	41.9			
Food Manufacturing	39.3	38.1	39.3									
Paper Manufacturing	46.4	44.6	39.5									
Petroleum & Coal Products	49.9	49.9	43.5									
Chemical Manufacturing	45.8	49.5	42.7	49.0	49.0	45.2	64.6	64.6	51.3			
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	49.8	49.8	44.5				64.2	64.2	51.2			
Resin, Synthetic Rubber							47.3	47.3	47.3			
Average Hourly Earnings \$												
Natural Resources & Mining	23.64	21.90	20.41									
Mining	23.73	22.00	20.86									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	30.94	30.94	28.96									
Support Act for Mining	22.94	21.12	20.47									
Manufacturing	18.64	19.17	17.63	20.96	22.72	26.60	20.72	21.77	18.91			
Durable Goods	17.75	17.92	16.90									
Transportation Equipment	21.00	21.43	19.23	19.50	18.82	16.39				29.92	30.00	28.77
Ship & Boat Building	18.21	18.73	16.54	17.39	17.39	16.39						
Nondurable Goods	19.69	20.64	18.61	20.96	22.72	26.60	28.11	31.57	27.98			
Food Manufacturing	11.10	11.70	10.90									
Paper Manufacturing	23.18	23.39	20.11									
Petroleum & Coal Products	17.99	17.99	25.18									
Chemical Manufacturing	30.75	29.81	27.97	32.26	32.26	31.33	33.83	33.83	32.03			
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	31.27	31.27	31.47				35.66	35.66	32.20			
Resin, Synthetic Rubber							23.57	23.57	26.10			

LOUISIANA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BY CLAIMANT'S PARISH OF RESIDENCE

WEEK ENDING - May 13, 2006

RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED	RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED	RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED
RLMA 1	424	3,706	RLMA 4	239	2,128	RLMA 7	323	3,169
JEFFERSON	129	1,426	ACADIA	18	144	BIENVILLE	8	71
ORLEANS	111	998	EVANGELINE	10	86	BOSSIER	44	490
PLAQUEMINES	8	75	IBERIA	37	248	CADDO	145	1,558
ST. BERNARD	2	17	LAFAYETTE	68	725	CLAIBORNE	10	97
ST. CHARLES	25	199	ST. LANDRY	44	405	DESOTO	9	151
ST. JAMES	38	149	ST. MARTIN	17	151	LINCOLN	19	221
ST. JOHN	54	294	ST. MARY	28	211	NATCHITOCHE	47	241
ST. TAMMANY	57	548	VERMILION	17	158	RED RIVER	3	47
						SABINE	11	55
						WEBSTER	27	238
RLMA 2	704	4,014	RLMA 5	154	956	RLMA 8	177	1,946
ASCENSION	83	436	ALLEN	14	60	CALDWELL	13	51
E. BATON ROUGE	309	1,887	BEAUREGARD	22	148	EAST CARROLL	5	107
EAST FELICIANA	14	71	CALCASIEU	106	657	FRANKLIN	10	167
IBERVILLE	24	185	CAMERON	2	20	JACKSON	7	65
LIVINGSTON	79	413	JEFF. DAVIS	10	71	MADISON	10	74
POINTE COUPEE	22	73	RLMA 6	154	1,263	MOREHOUSE	25	270
ST. HELENA	7	27	AVOYELLES	25	170	OUACHITA	82	809
TANGIPAHOA	108	632	CATAHOULA	9	50	RICHLAND	15	142
WASHINGTON	25	159	CONCORDIA	4	90	TENSAS	4	68
W. BATON ROUGE	22	99	GRANT	14	79	UNION	4	122
WEST FELICIANA	11	32	LASALLE	5	42	WEST CARROLL	2	71
RLMA 3	113	630	RAPIDES	71	581			
ASSUMPTION	34	125	VERNON	18	183			
LAFOURCHE	43	218	W INN	8	68			
TERREBONNE	36	287						

RLMA = REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA

THE ABOVE FIGURES INCLUDE REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI), UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS for FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE), and UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS for EX-SERVICE MEMBERS (UCX) DATA ONLY.

THESE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE INITIAL AND CONTINUED CLAIMS FOR DUA (DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE).

Labor Market Questions and Answers!

- ➔ **Where do the nonfarm numbers come from?**
 - Employers selected by random sampling are asked to provide the Louisiana Department of Labor with employment levels for the week of the 12th of the month. The survey results provide data at the state and MSA level for nonfarm jobs. The employment estimates are only as good as the responses received within a two week time period. Therefore, the higher the survey's rate of return, the greater the accuracy of the estimated employment.
- ➔ **Why aren't the construction job counts higher when I see all of the building activity in my area?**
 - Since this is an employer based survey, the jobs are counted in the parish that the employer's payroll is paid. For example, if the company's home office is in Baton Rouge but the job is in Alexandria, then the jobs will be counted in Baton Rouge. There is no separate employer survey for job location vs. business location.
- ➔ **What is the 2006 revision change to the civilian labor force series?**
 - The Bureau of Labor Statistics has eliminated regular revisions to the monthly preliminary estimates. As an example, the preliminary January 2006 data will not be revised with the release of February's civilian labor force estimates. All of the 2006 monthly labor force series will be preliminary until revised in March 2007 as part of the normal annual benchmarking process.
- ➔ **What is the 2006 revision change to the nonfarm employment series?**
 - The major change to the nonfarm employment series is the addition of published cells for the state and some metropolitan statistical areas. For a list of the additional published cells in the 2006 nonfarm employment series go to the Web site www.laworks.net, scroll over the tab at the top of the page for Labor Market Information, click on Publications and Reports, under Labor Market Information select Data Explanations and then select March 2006 – 2006 Changes to Nonfarm and Civilian Labor Force Statistics.

Have a question you would like to have answered? Email us at OOIS@ldol.state.la.us

GLOSSARY & TECHNICAL NOTES

Average Hourly Earnings/Average Weekly Earnings/ Average Weekly Hours (CES/BLS) - average total money earnings, in the survey week (i.e., the week that includes the twelfth of the month), of production workers plus nonsupervisory workers not in production, including overtime, paid vacation and sick leave.

Civilian Labor Force - that portion of the population, age sixteen or older, which is employed or unemployed and actively seeking employment during the reference week of the twelfth of the month.

Employed - the members of the labor force who worked for pay or profit, or had a job from which they were temporarily absent because of illness, vacation, labor dispute, or other reasons not reflecting a shortage of work, or who worked fifteen hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family.

Unemployed - the members of the labor force who did not work but were seeking work or were awaiting recall from layoffs or the beginning of a new job within thirty days.

Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed persons expressed as percentage of the labor force.

Continued Claim - each week claimed subsequent to the filing of the initial claim for a week of unemployment compensation.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) - estimates of nonfarm employment and production workers hours and earnings by industry. They are produced as part of a nationwide program, in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), for the state and each metropolitan statistical area (MSA) from a sample of employing establishments.

Current Population Survey (CPS) - a monthly household survey of the U.S. population conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the Bureau of Census, of 56,000 selected households. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information on the employment status of each household member age 16 and over, during the reference week of the twelfth.

Durable Goods - items with a normal life expectancy of three years or more. Automobiles, furniture, household appliances, and mobile homes are examples.

Initial Claims - a new claim, filed to open a claim for unemployment compensation.

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) - a geographical area comprised of a parish generally containing a central city (or twin cities) of 50,000 inhabitants or more and contiguous parishes that are socially and economically integrated with the central city.

Micropolitan Statistical Area (MC) - a geographical area comprised of a parish containing a central city of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000 inhabitants and contiguous parishes that are socially and economically integrated with the central city.

NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) - an industry classification system that groups establishments into industries based on the activities in which they are primarily engaged.

Nonfarm Employment - employment by place of work that does not include the self employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, or agriculture workers. All estimates of nonfarm employment in this publication are in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the twelfth of the month.

Nondurable Goods - items that generally last for only a short period of time (less than three years). Food, beverages, apparel, and gasoline are common examples.

Seasonally Adjusted - monthly data that is adjusted to minimize the changes in any time series which result from normal annual occurrences such as Christmas, summer vacations, and weather patterns.

Subsector - refers to the three-digit NAICS code, which will fall under the particular sector. Example: If Manufacturing (31-33) is the industry sector, then Food manufacturing (311), Paper manufacturing (322), Chemical manufacturing (325), Transportation equipment manufacturing (336), are some of the subsectors of manufacturing.

Supersector - refers to these five categories: Total Nonfarm, Total Private, Goods Producing, Service Providing, and Private Service Providing.

Summary Industry Sector - a combination of industry sectors. A summary sector may or may not be published. The summary industry sectors are Natural Resources & Mining; Natural Resources & Mining & Construction; Construction; Manufacturing; Trade, Transportation, & Utilities; Information; Financial Activities; Professional & Business Services; Educational & Health Services; Leisure & Hospitality; Other Services; and Government.

Industry Sector - 20 industry sectors based on two-digit NAICS code. They are Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (11), Mining (21), Utilities (22), Construction (23), Manufacturing (31-33), Wholesale Trade (42), Retail Trade (44-45), Transportation and Warehousing (48-49), Information (51), Finance and Insurance (52), Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (53), Professional and Technical Services (54), Management of Companies and Enterprises (55), Administrative and Waste Services (56), Educational Services (61), Health Care and Social Assistance (62), Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (71), Accommodation and Food Services (72), Other Services (81), and Public Administration (92).

Constraints of the monthly civilian labor force and nonfarm employment estimates:

The civilian labor force estimates are derived by a monthly survey of approximately 750 households throughout Louisiana following the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) methodology. The US Census Bureau conducts the survey by calling randomly selected households and providing BLS with survey results. Households are asked for the number of residents who are sixteen and over and whether they were working or actively looking for work during the week of the twelfth of the month. Responses to these questions become part of the formula to determine the number of people employed and the number of individuals unemployed for the state, MSAs, and each parish every month.

The nonfarm employment estimates are derived from responses received from the monthly BLS survey of 2,757 businesses across the state surveyed directly by this agency, and an additional 2,500 businesses that respond directly to BLS with their employment data. Responses capture employment activity during the twelfth of each month. This survey relies on responses from these businesses to produce industry employment levels for the state and all metropolitan statistical areas.

Both data sets are comparable with estimates for the U.S., all 50 states, and 270 metropolitan areas across the U.S.



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